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FOR some years there has been more or less talk among us about Christian comity; also an expressed desire on the part of some for a closer union both in sympathy and organization with other religious bodies who hold, or are supposed to hold, very different views from those held by Unitarians. Those among us who cherish these desires expect that we shall gain in popularity by such a course. If we could do this without any surrender of our intellectual freedom we would all greet the day with joy that saw such a union. But the fact is that any type of orthodoxy will not mix with Unitarianism, try as both may to perform the impossible. Where no surrender of principle is involved any Unitarian would be willing to work with any orthodox body or bodies to promote a good cause, but what is called Christian comity goes further. It demands that we consider the prejudices and principles of ecclesiastical orders founded upon supernatural grounds as in a measure binding us. There is no comity unless there is a measure of surrender. If it were in non-essentials we could yield assent very willingly, but there are no non-essentials where our belief and that of orthodoxy come into contact. We are building upon world-conceptions that are antipodal. The tendency in some quarters among Unitarians is to minimize the differences that exist between us and the evangelical bodies. Of course the hope is to become more popular thereby, but, to the mind of the writer, the opposite is true. The world in general looks upon us as a freak member of the Christian sects. It is commonly supposed that we differ from other churches only in our denial of unique deity to Jesus. There was a time when this was true, but since we, as a body, accepted the doctrine of evolution, it is no longer true. Our whole system of belief is founded upon life principles, and where it agrees with evangelical interpretations it is accidental and occasional. Then, how we can inform men of this essential difference should be our search, instead of seeking to tell them that there is little or no difference. Lately the writer was in an assembly of reformers and settlement workers. Some suggestion was made about church aid to the cause under consideration. One after another expressed his views of the churches and classed the Unitarian among the others as being other-worldly and impractical. We have many tracts in which discourse is made upon certain doctrinal points, but is it not time that many should be issued upon fundamental differences and advertisement made of the fact that we are unique in the religious world?

PRESENT-DAY RELIGION.

It was my privilege one Sunday morning in July of this summer to attend church at the Glasgow Cathedral, Scotland. In that fine old building, crammed with sacred and historic association, with its great stone pillars supporting the arched stone roof, an immense organ and selected choir, with some 1,500 of an attendance, everything contributed toward the true spirit of worship. Yet when Dr. MacAdam Muir, the minister, gave out his subject it was evident that whatever his audience thought of fine churches, thunderings organs, inspiring music, etc., he did not include these outward acts in "Divine service." Nor did the preacher lose any time in declaring his protest. He raised this question by way of illustration: "Was the soldier who has enlisted in the services of his country doing his country service, immediate and direct, by going through his morning drills, exercises, and dress parades?" Said Dr. Muir: "While these things are necessary to make a soldier fit and worthy for service, yet in themselves they ought not to be so considered." No more were our "going to churches," "saying our prayers," or singing heartily inspiring songs. Yet everywhere people consider performing certain religious functions "Divine service."

While musing upon the subject of religion in its relation to human life, the question of Dr. Muir's criticism has arisen urging the thought as to how far the preacher was justified in this argument. And indeed how far any teacher states the truth when in the heat of passion he feels called upon to denounce any misleading tendency. The text of this paper, "Present-Day Religion," would be regarded as perfectly absurd by thousands of professed Christian people. They would remind us that there can be no present-day religion. Say they: "Did not Jesus settle that

question forever two thousand years ago, when on the cross he said, 'It is finished,' and 'Man's redemption was made complete." It is not our purpose here to discuss the old question of vicarious atonement. In passing we may add that these people are only stating part of a great truth. Then, on the other hand, when ministers of the rational faith feel called upon to denounce the orthodox church in a wholesale way as a worthless institution, that if we "estimate the capital invested in training schools for the clergy, in church buildings and annual contributions for the support of churches, and compare these with their actual social value, the discrepancy will be found discouraging," that "the church, in a word, is not worth what it costs." Again, we raise the question, is not this only part of the truth? And it has been said that "a half truth is equal to a false statement."

Let us reflect a moment. Does not humanity today embody in its makeup all the influences and tendencies of the past? Is it not true that in every age of this world's life, let us say since the Christian system, there have been pronounced periods? The ascetic age, the age militant, the traditional age; also an age when art, and ritual, and ceremony prevailed? We speak of this day and age as scientific. And we have even ventured to speak of a "Scientific Religion." Even this last phrase must be understood as only partly true. Much every way may be said of the modern up-to-date church as institutional, but even the most earnest advocates of this every-day church admit that it does not excel the first beginnings of Christianity when Jesus "went about doing good," or when Paul supported himself by tent making and proclaimed a "free gospel."

The Church Universal, that includes all isms, divisions and cults must, of necessity, be inclusive, because man, whom the church professes to serve, is inclusive. We find in man today all past influences, so that a present-day religion must take all these varied and diversified tendencies into consideration. It cannot be denied that much useless waste has been and is still in the church, especially regarding the building of churches, the performing of ritual and ceremony. We might very reasonably say with one of the Christ's followers, "To what purpose is this waste?" Yet this is true when we begin to specialize and exclude, for we at once start a process that hinders as well as helps the growing life of man. Says a modern writer, "How few are the moments in which it seems to us that we have really lived and not been merely busied with preparations for living." Religion in its highest forms will always hold a large element of passivity. One of its functions must be, today, as in the early days of the Hebrews, that of a refuge from the rush of the external life. One side of religion must ever be a sacred hush, the soul resting, a contemplation, a vision of the unseen, because of man's complex nature. And moreover, these "seeming wastes" or passivities which enter so much into the religious side of man's nature are often really a form of the most potent activity. The Christ in the garden and on the cross was intensely passive when it appeared to some of his followers that he should be wide awake and active. But we, who look over the range of history, realize that in those quiet hours forces were being elaborated that the whole two thousand years of history since cannot measure or grasp in strength and progress.

Yet the church which feeds only the ascetic, the idealistic, the passive side of man's nature will soon become useless and go to seed. The reason is evident. Man knows more, feels more, sees more, in short, man is more than he has ever been. A deeper study at once of the nature of God, of the laws of the soul, and of the needs of the modern world are bringing a vast modification of our ideas upon the whole subject of the religious life.

Under this new influence of man's expansion our truest worship will become a work, most of our best self, of our belief, our affection, and even sacrifice can be put into the deeds we do. Our Divine service will be more and more a service to man. We are reporting facts when we say that the church abroad, as here in America, is becoming more and more interested in social reforms. And the church is becoming every day more and yet more institutional. Man is being dealt with not simply as a Soul, not even as a soul and body, but a part of a great social organism through which he must be trained, educated and saved.

And while all this is wonderfully encouraging be it said that social reforms, industrial programmes, and clubs galore are not all for even here this zeal may easily prove a detriment, a stumbling block to the soul's progress. It has been said that the various divisions and teachings among the many differing denominations are good, because each man may find what his life most craves. So the church today must embody the complex tendencies in man. Nor is it necessary for any local church to discard ritual, form or symbol, to take up the institutional side. The great blunder of the Church in the past, and in large measure now, is one of emphasis. Let us study the past, which will throw light upon man as he really is in his varied needs. Then will we have less cheap criticism and more unity of purpose in the furtherance of the Life of God in the Soul of Man which marks the present-day religion. D. M. KIRKPATRICK.

Geneseo, Ill.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Salem, O.—Rev. C. S. S. Dutton has resigned from the ministry of this society. He is the only minister that this society has ever had. He went to it direct from the divinity school, and gave shape to its organization and ideals.

Hanska, Minn.—Rev. and Mrs. Amandus Norman are rejoicing over the completion of a new parsonage costing more than $3,000. It is only six months since they left Minneapolis for Hanska and the quick response of the people to their work is very gratifying.

Buda, Ill.—Our society in Buda has purchased a fine home for their minister. The people have long wanted a parsonage and an opportunity to purchase a fine house with a large lot was taken. Rev. E. H. Barrett, the minister, is to be congratulated upon the affectionate regard in which he is held in Buda.

St. Louis, Mo.—Unity Church has a quantity of pamphlets very suitable for postoffice mission work that it will send free a specified number to any society or person that may wish them for use. This pamphlet is a compilation made by Mr. Sheldon, of the Ethical Culture Society, from the writings of Mr. Learned. Address Mrs. W. R. Vickroy, 2901 Rauschenbach avenue.

Sioux City, Ia.—On Sunday, Oct. 7, our church in this city dedicated fourteen new art glass windows. These windows add much to the beauty of this place of worship. Rev. Mary A. Safford and Rev. Eleanor E. Gordon, former pastors, were present to assist in the services of dedication. All of the reports from this church indicate the highest degree of prosperity.

Geneva, Ill.—Since the resignation and departure of Dr. Rowena Morse the pulpit of this church has been occupied by Prof. Foster, of Chicago University, as stated supply. It is quite remarkable that the people of this ancient and established Unitarian church should find satisfaction in the preaching of a Baptist divine. And the satisfaction seems to be mutual, for Prof. Foster likes the experience.

Pueblo, Colo.—Renewed activity is shown in this society since the coming of Rev. W. S. Nichols in April. The interior of the church edifice is being redecorated and new windows put in. It will be a great improvement to have the handsome new windows to harmonize with the wall decorations. We have no more heroic and loyal band of workers than this group in Pueblo. If ever success were deserved it is by these people.

Geneseo, Ill.—Rev. D. M. Kirkpatrick not alone does the ministerial work of this society, but teaches wood carving in the public schools. In the Sunday A picture of the man honored is presented to the school by some class. A frame is then made by those studying in the Arts and Crafts section, and the picture is hung in the Sunday school room. This observance is proving of value and interest.

Monroe, Wis.—A very much deserved compliment has been paid Rev. J. H. Palmer, minister of the United Liberal Church. He has been unanimously elected to the pastorate for another year. Mr. Palmer has served this society for four years, and at the beginning of the fifth year finds his work in fine condition. The congregations are good, the Sunday school is active, and the ladies are planning some large work for the winter months. Mrs. Palmer gives valuable aid in the work through her remarkable musical gifts.

Chicago, Ill.—Rev. J. M. O. Hewitt died in the city the first part of October. Mr. Hewitt had held pastorates among us at Sheffield, Ill., and Luverne, Minn. For some years he has been lecturing as opportunity offered for the Spiritualists. He was an ardent Spiritualist, but of the type that cares more for the philosophy than for the phenomena. He was a gentleman of kind disposition and pure, wholesome views. He leaves no family, save the wife who shared his life work. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Fred V. Hawley.

Chicago, Ill.—The postponed dedication of Unity church will take place on Thanksgiving day. The last touch has been put upon the building, and the fine organ was used for the first time Sunday, Oct. 14. The delight of this society in being again housed and equipped with the appurtenances of worship is great.

Neillsville, Wis.—Rev. Rett E. Olmstead, of Decorah, has been called to the work of this church. Mr. Olmstead will devote one-half of his time to this church, and the other half to work in Minnesota and South Dakota. He will work across the state of Minnesota and preach once a month at Brookings, S. D.

Davenport, Ia.—The Iowa State Conference was entertained by this society at its annual session, The gathering was marked by the same earnestness and devotion to the work that ever characterizes the Iowa gatherings. The people of the Davenport church were very hospitable in their reception of the delegates to the church and their homes. The attendance was not as large as usual, on account of the removal from the state of the secretary, Rev. R. E. Ramsay, but the enthusiasm manifested was great. The session continued three days, and was devoted to business and inspirational meetings. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. D. O. Powers, of Sioux City; vice president, Mr. Henry Negus, of Iowa City; secretary, Rev. Elinor E. Gordon, of Des Moines. It is proposed that Miss Gordon have charge of the publication of the conference paper, "Old and New," and act as a field secretary, doing missionary work for the state association. One pleasant feature of the conference was the evident return of health that Rev. Mary A. Safford exhibited. She approaches so nearly to her old time energy and vigor that it gives encouragement to her friends in Iowa to believe that her return to her work at Des Moines is permanent. Another pleasant feature of the meeting was the celebration in the closing meeting of Mr. Judy's twenty-fifth anniversary of his settlement as minister of the Davenport society. His own people and the conference dele-

gates vied in expressing their appreciation of his character and work. The church presented him with a purse of $141.25, all in twenty-five cent pieces.

St. Paul, Minn.—The State Conference met with this church Oct. 14-16. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. R. W. Boynton, minister of the church, Sunday morning, his subject being "The Essential Point of the Unitarian Position." At the evening service Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, Billings lecturer for the A. U. A., spoke upon "The Future of Liberal Christianity." Monday was devoted to ministers' meeting. Prof. Norman Wilde gave a paper on "The Religious Concept of God." At noon a lunch was served the ministers. In the afternoon a discussion upon "Some Defects of Liberal Protestantism" was led by Mr. Boynton, and participated in by the ministers present. The evening was devoted to a platform meeting, at which Mr. S. R. Child, president of the Conference, presided. The general subject was "The Constructive Purpose of the Unitarian Church." Rev. A. Irvine Innis spoke upon "Its Positive Contribution to Theology"; Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin upon "Its Nature of Practical Idealism;" Rev. W. M. Backus upon "Its Satisfaction of Our Spiritual Needs," and Rev. H. A. Sather upon "A Faith to Live By, and to Die By." The last day was devoted to business and a missionary meeting under the auspices of the Women's Alliance, Mrs. Amandus Norman leading. In the evening a Sunday school meeting was held, at which Rev. C. F. Niles, of Menominee, Wis., gave a paper, entitled "My Sunday School." The discussion was led by Rev. Emeline Harrington and Mrs. G. H. Shellenberger. This conference was alive from beginning to end. The thought and interest were high and the enthusiasm great. The spirit of the conference was shown by a vote to contribute $125 from its treasury to the work at Brookings.

Notes From the Field.—The last report that the secretary made in these columns was of his whereabouts the third Sunday in August. On the fourth Sunday in August he preached in the Presbyterian church at Independence, Ia. It is the custom in this town for the churches to unite for service during August, and it was such a meeting that the secretary had the privilege of addressing. The first Sunday in September was made pleasant by meeting the workers of All Souls Church at Lincoln Center. This pulpit is never silent a Sunday in the year. When Mr. Jones is engaged with his summer work at Tower Hill, his work is carried on as best may be by his fellow workers. The second Sunday was spent with our church in Milwaukee. The people of this church were looking forward eagerly to greeting their pastor the following Sunday. From Milwaukee the secretary crossed the lake to Northern Michigan, where he went to meet the people of a new independent society formed at Harrietta. He preached there Monday night. This society has an interesting history. The town is twenty-five years old, but it has not had a church edifice until two years ago. There has been a woman's society for twenty years, which has been struggling with the adverse conditions of lumber camp life. About three years ago they determined that there must be a church building in their town that good things for the higher, better life might be housed. They bought a lot and went about earning money for the erection of an edifice. Though they are very few in number and wholly unable to support a church, the Methodists objected to the scheme of a community church, and by borrowing money erected a church of their own, asking the Women's Society to give what money they had to the Methodist Society. Their answer was to join the Alliance, and are now erecting a People's Church edifice. It was edifying to meet these courageous women, who have so long striven to uplift the life of Hascietta. The building is partly erected, and promises to be a credit to the Society and the town. From Harrietta the secretary went to Frankfort. He only had time to meet one of the fifty faithful who keep alive the spirit of liberty in religion in this city. From here he went to Green Bay, Wis., and preached in the pulpit of the Union Congregational Church the third Sunday. Mr. Spence has led this people onward as he has grown until, though in fellowship with Trinitarian Congregationalism, they are greatly in sympathy with the Unitarian form, and are hearing Unitarian ministers among their candidates. The fourth Sunday was spent with our society in Fargo. This church has no minister at present. To pave the way for one twelve services are being held this winter in the hope of arousing enough interest to engage a resident minister. From there the secretary journeyed to Colorado, from which place he writes this letter. As he journeyed hither he passed through many cities in the forming. He saw the pulsing life that is building up the West, and he hoped that somehow our gospel might be carried on the wave that is moving ever onward toward the West. The life is strong and free, but it has cast off restraints that it needs. Our gospel could give direction to this life that would lead it into an expression that is as high and noble as its boundless energy would reach if it were not diverted to the dissipations that mar the advance of the wave of civilization.

The above was not printed from lack of space in the October number, so we add such notes as will bring the secretary's journeyings up to date: The first place visited in Colorado was Greeley. Rev. T. Clinton Brockway is minister of this church. He has been nearly a year with this strong and purposeful society, to their mutual satisfaction. The secretary spoke Friday evening, Sept. 28, before this congregation, and was given a reception afterward. At Ft. Collins he found a congregation without a minister,

but very hopeful as to its future. It has a fine new edifice, desirably located. He preached both morning and evening, Sunday, Sept. 30. When the right man is found to carry on the work this church will become one of our strongest societies. The growth of Colorado is wonderful. Irrigation has made the erstwhile desert bloom as land dependent on rain can never do. The result of this is a large and rapidly increasing population. We need more churches in this state. One at Boulder, the seat of the State University, is imperative. At Denver the secretary had a conference with Dr. Utter and Rev. W. T. Brown, who has lately been appointed missionary agent for the A. U. A. in the Rocky Mountain region. Mr. Brown has a large territory to cover, but the opportunity for church development is boundless. From Denver the secretary went to Pueblo, where Rev. W. S. Nichols has been located for about six months. This society is responding to the efforts of Mr. Nichols, and shows signs of an increasing life. He preached here for Mr. Nichols on Sunday morning, and went to Colorado Springs to deliver a sermon in All Souls church in the evening. Here he found Mr. Baker vigorously at work. Nothing could exceed the energy that he displays. The result is apparent in the large congregations and wonderful activity in every branch of church work. Sunday, Oct. 14, the secretary spent with the church at Luverne. This society is at present without a minister, but has not by any means lost hope or courage at the long delay in securing one. From there he went to St. Paul to attend the Minnesota State conference. This was the first of the round of state conferences that the Western Conference Secretary annually makes. From St. Paul he went to Davenport to attend the Iowa conference. Sunday, Oct. 21, he preached for the church at Serena. The Missouri Valley conference met at Kansas City the first of this week, the secretary of the Western conference being in attendance. Later in the week he attended the Illinois state conference at Buda, and on Sunday, Oct. 28, he preached at Grand Rapids, Mich.

THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATE ALLIANCE.

Alliance members to the number of fifty gladly welcomed the first meeting of the season held at All Souls Church, Evanston, on the morning of Oct. 4th. Mrs. Backus presided. Among other matters of business, it was decided to continue the yearly contribution of $25 towards paying for a telephone at the Western Conference Headquarters.

Rev. Fred V. Hawley gave the address of the day, entitled "A Forward Look." He spoke from the vantage ground of a recent persual of the records of past Associate Alliance meetings, and of a knowledge of certain criticsms of the Alliance. The first led him to deplore the too frequent implication or bald statement, that Unitarianism was dying, would soon have outlived its usefulness, etc. He urged a stronger faith in its mission, which was to help free the world from dogma and to upbuild character that shall mean "right-doing, truth-seeking and helpful love." The practical side of Alliance work must not be allowed to eclipse the spiritual vision, which is the inspiration of all rightly directed effort. There must too be a growing sense of fellowship with the world, a reciprocal responsibility else our churches will degenerate into mere self-seeking, will become weak and inefficient.

The second, the doubt sometimes cast upon the Alliance as to its reason for being, stirred Mr. Hawley to a warm defence of the social side of religious organizations and of the Alliance in particular, which he urged to continued or greater effort in this direction. The value of social intercourse was emphasized and the wisdom of all members of our denomination within easy reach getting together frequently in a happy social way, at lunches, or suppers, or afternoon or evening gatherings was set forth. This, Mr. Hawley hoped, the Alliance would bring about. The social features of the Conferences and other union meetings were commended.

Rev. Mr. Blake was asked to lead the discussion, and took issue with Mr. Hawley on the subject of closing the Western Conference with a banquet, which, as conducted, was not to him in keeping with the great purposes of a conference. Aside from other considerations, the cost is prohibitory to many, making it undemocratic in spirit. He said that the social side of life is not to be neglected; but a return to plainer fare, representing the material comforts and luxuries of life, coupled with greater earnestness and consecration, would make Unitarianism an irresistible power.

Mrs. Delano, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Hiestand, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Weil, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Smith and Mr. Dellgren contributed to a lively discussion more or less successful in showing the harmony underlying Mr. Hawley's and Mr. Blake's apparently opposing views. Mr. Hawley closed with a few words as to the essential religious element in all rightly performed actions.

MARIAN M. LEWIS.
Secretary pro tem.

DIRECTORY.

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers:

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebauer, Third and Alby Sts.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Broken Bow, Neb.—The People's Liberal Christian Society. Hour of service, 7:45 P. M. Rev. L. F. Harman.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev Ed. H. Barrett.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Hedley Hall, Moline, Ill.

Chicago, Ill.—Church of the Messiah, Michigan Ave. and Twenty-third St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St., near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Fred Alban Weil, 1535 Adams St.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 1285 N. Halsted St.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati, Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 755 Genesee Ave

Colorado Springs, Col.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev. Franklin Baker.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur M. Judy, 1708 Perry St.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Margaret T. Olmstead.

Denver, Col.—Unity Church, Nineteenth Ave. and Broadway. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, 1557 Logan Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford and Rev. Eleanor E. Gordon.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A.M.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service 7 P. M.

Greeley, Col.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45. Rev. T. Clinton Brockway.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Ernest C. Smith.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. alternate Sundays.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Ia.—All Souls Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. MacCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 3519 Flora Avenue.

Kenosha, Wis.—First Unitarian Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1140 Ohio St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls' Church, Twelth and H. Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, 1210 D. St.

Louisville, Ky.—Church of the Messiah, Fourth Ave. and York St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. William H. Ramsay, Alta Ave.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. C. Hodgins, 682 Astor St.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St. and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Hedley Hall.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. H. Palmer.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann. P. O. Box 63.

Ord, Neb.—*People's* Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. E. S. Treworgy.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church. Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. S. Nichols.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Unity Church, Ninth St., between Edmond and Felix Sts. Hour service, 8 P. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Garrison Ave. and Locust St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. Richard W. Boynton, 414 Ashland Ave.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service 7 P. M. alternate Sundays. Rev. B. A. Hills.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts.

Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. D. O. Powers, 410 Tenth St.

Toledo, Ohio.—Church of Our Father, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 2416 Fulton St.

Topeka, Kan.—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

Washta, Iowa.—Unity Society. Service and Sunday School every other Sunday at 2 P. M. Miss Carrie Hoffman Secretary.

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